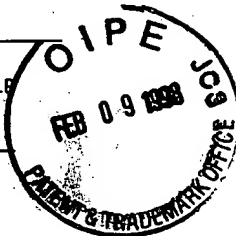


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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 5, 1997 for three months, from November 5, 1997 to February 5, 1998. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of a Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is enclosed herewith.

Please charge \$950, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, to the Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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